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DEFENDANTS' ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANOTHER PARTY'S MATERIAL SHOULD BE SEALED RELATING TO DEFENDANTS' ANSWER, DEFENSES, AND COUNTERCLAIMS TO MATCH GROUP'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

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Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 7-11 and 79-5(c-f), Defendants Google LLC, Google Ireland Limited, Google Commerce Ltd., Google Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., and Google Payment Corp. (collectively, "Google") respectfully submit this Administrative Motion to Consider Whether Another Party's Material Should Be Sealed Relating to Google's Answer, Defenses, and Counterclaims to Match Group's ("Match") First Amended Complaint ("Motion to Seal"). The excerpts at issue in this Motion to Seal are sourced from documents that are designated as "NON-PARTY HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE COUNSEL EYES ONLY" pursuant to the Protective Order entered by the Court, ECF No. 248. A redacted version of Google's Answer, Defenses, and Counterclaims to Match's First Amended Complaint ("Answer and Counterclaims") has been filed in accordance with the Local Rules.

Subsection (f) of Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth procedures that apply when a party seeks to file information designated as confidential by another party. Under subsection (e), the "motion must identify each document or portions thereof for which sealing is sought" and "serve the motion on the Designating Party the same day the motion is filed." Pursuant to subsection (f)(1), the Designating Party has seven days to "file a statement and/or declaration" to establish

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why such designated material should be kept under seal pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of Civil Local Rule 79-5.

Civil Local Rule 79-5 provides that documents, or portions thereof, may be sealed if a party establishes that the documents are privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law. A "strong presumption" of access to judicial records applies to dispositive pleadings, and a party seeking to seal those records must show "compelling reasons." *Primus Grp., Inc. v. Inst. for Env't Health, Inc.*, 395 F. Supp. 3d 1243, 1267 (N.D. Cal. 2019) (citations omitted). Compelling reasons justifying the sealing of court records generally exist "when such court files might have become a vehicle for improper purposes, such as the use of records to gratify private spite, promote public scandal, circulate libelous statements, or release trade secrets." *Kamakana v. City & Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks omitted). However, "[t]he mere fact that the production of records may lead to a litigant's embarrassment, incrimination, or exposure to further litigation will not, without more, compel the court to seal its records." Id.

Google identifies the following portions of its Answer and Counterclaims to the Match Complaint as containing information designated as confidential by another party:

Portion Containing Designated Information	Designating Party
Introduction to Answer	Match
Counterclaim ¶ 31	Match
Counterclaim ¶ 33	Match
Counterclaim ¶ 34	Match
Counterclaim ¶ 38	Match

Google takes no position on whether the materials identified in this table are privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the law.

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ECF ATTESTATION I hereby attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from each of the other signatories hereto. Dated: December 1, 2022 By: /s/ Glenn Pomerantz Glenn Pomerantz